June 14, 2005

Dear Classmates:

Hey guys - I need some HELP! See below. This letter will be a short one - one more to come in a couple of weeks (hopefully with names filled in for volunteers for the reunion).

SAVE THE DATE: Our 25th reunion will be held June 2-4, 2006. Less than one year away! I have received some volunteers, but I need some more to start planning for a great weekend now. If you want to volunteer, please contact me ASAP. I will begin calling and drafting folks in about a week.

If this letter looks like a bit of a rehash of the last one, it is. The Reunion information will just keep coming this year… and I really need some HELP!

I know, you say, "It seems like a long time from now...", but it will be here before you know it. I need the following volunteers. (If you want to draft one of your pledge brothers or fellow independents, feel free.)

1) I need at least one representative from each living unit who will volunteer to call/write their pledge brothers or fellow independent men and get them to come to the reunion. If you are interested, please contact me at spavy@vom.com or call me at 707.939.7845. I still need representatives from the following fraternities:
   a) Beta Theta Pi (someone has nominated Rob Stevenson… Rob, do you accept?)
   b) Delta Tau Delta - 
   c) Kappa Sigma - 
   d) Lambda Chi Alpha - Peter Wright
   e) Phi Delta Theta - 
   f) Phi Gamma Delta - Tom Elliott
   g) Phi Kappa Psi - 
   h) Sigma Chi - 
   i) Tau Kappa Epsilon - 
   j) Wolcott/Morris - 
   k) Martindale - 
   l) Off-Campus - 

Thanks Peter and Tom for signing up! Rob, I hope you join us (and others…..)
2) It is recommended by the College to form a Class of 1981 Reunion Committee. I would like to find volunteers for the following roles:
   a) Reunion Chairman -- This person will be an "enthusiastic leader who will help recruit the reunion committee and help develop an exciting program."
   b) Attendance Chairman -- This person will help coordinate the information going out to the living unit representatives.
   c) Reunion Gift Chairman -- Hey - it's our 25th! We should be able to come up with some fund raising gift or goal, shouldn't we? This is the person who will head this up.
   d) Reunion Book Chairman -- This person will help gather information from each person in the class regarding family, jobs, contact information, pictures, etc.... Don't you want to see what we all look like 25 years after Wabash?

There will be some other people needed as we move this along, but this is what we need for starters. I hope I hear from some of you who might be interested in these roles. It should be fun and we will work to make it fun. I certainly can help out, but I cannot shoulder all of the things that need to be done.

3) Believe it or not, we actually need to be picking the location where we want to stay now. Feedback? There is the Comfort Inn or Holiday Inn in Crawfordsville, the Turkey Run Inn, the Hilton Garden Inn or Holiday Inn in Lafayette. We also need to set up a hospitality suite wherever we decide to book rooms. If you guys have an opinion about this, let me know and I'll funnel the information to those who volunteer to start some of the planning. Closer to College probably makes most sense, but to do that we need to book the rooms very soon.

   Feedback from David Dingley was: "Definitely stay in Crawfordsville for the hospitality suite/rooms. Since the catering is so lame at the hotels, is there a private or nice school residence that we might get for the class dinner? And maybe get a good chef from Indy or nearby if one is available?"

   What do you think? Let me know. Not sure what options there are regarding food, but we can check into it.

4) We need to also plan our class dinner. Typically scheduled for the Saturday night, we should invite a speaker, create the program we want, invite faculty we want, etc…

5) To get ideas about what is happening at these new "Big Bash" Reunion weekends, go to www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion and see the schedule of events for this year's reunion. Wabash is putting a lot of energy into the weekend and there will be many things to do for your whole family. We just need to figure out what we want to do as a class in addition to what Wabash is already planning.

6) The College is really set up to help all of us as we pull this together. Tom Runge, our Director of Alumni and Parent Relations runs a first-class operation. His experience shows, however, that this all works much better when classes get involved early on. There is nothing quite like the excitement you generate and communicate with your classmates to really get the ball rolling.

Financial Update

As of 5/25/05, a total of 64 Class of 1981 members had given a total of $33,391. That is a 31.2% giving rate (we have 205 members still on the class role). Remember that this fiscal year runs through June 30, 2005. You have about fifteen days left to give this year. Gifts can be made in three easy ways:

1. MAIL—Wabash College, Annual Fund, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
2. PHONE—877-743-4545
3. ONLINE—www.wabash.edu

Take care, and hope to hear from you. Yours in Wabash,

Stephen